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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Brian HILLIER, et al.**
Application No.: **09/892,615**
Filed: **June 28, 2001**
Title: **ELECTRONIC PURCHASING SYSTEM
AND METHOD**
Assignee: **3044105 Nova Scotia Limited**
Art Unit: **3622**
Examiner: **NAMRATA BOVEJA**

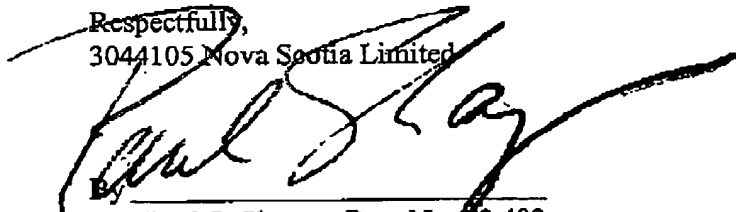
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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed approximately 5 years ago, specifically on June 28, 2001, and we have not yet received an Office Action. We are in receipt of correspondence from the Office indicating that the application would receive an Office Action in approximately June, 2006.

This is Applicant's fourth inquiry as to the status of this case, and in view of the fact that issuance of an Office Action is long overdue, Applicant's agent respectfully requests that the necessary steps be taken to move forward with the application. In this regard, Applicant's agent would appreciate receiving a confirmatory telephone call.

Respectfully,
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